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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 remain pending in the patent application.

The main independent claims are rejected as being anticipated based on Gustafsson et al.

The rejection is respectfully traversed because Gustafsson et al. does not teach or suggest a method or node for identifying, compiling, deploying, managing or de-deploying mobility components in a managed application server platform of a network, wherein a mobility profile in an application server execution environment is instantiated for making common mobile functionality available to mobility specific components, as claimed. The mobility profile specific functions include Accounting Charging, Subscriber Management, Authentication, Identity Management, Authorization Policy Management, Device Profile Management, Session & Transaction Management, Service Registry, and/or Workflow management; while the mobility specific components include Presence, Location, Instant Messaging, etc., as also claimed.

In comparison, Gustafsson et al. discloses a method for access selection in a multi-access IP network such as network 200 (Figure 2) or a multi-access communications system 300 (Figure 3). In the reasoning in paragraph 4 of the July 26th Office Action, Gustafsson et al.' elements 265, 365 and 366 are being cited as disclosing the aforementioned underlined feature of the claimed invention. It is respectfully submitted that Gustafsson et al.' elements 265, 365 and 366 do

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not perform the claimed functionality for the following reasons:

In Figure 2, the multi-access IP network 200 includes a mobile multi-access terminal node 210, an IP-based network 240 and an always best connected service network 260. The always best connected (ABC) service network 260 includes a mobility server 265 that performs various mobility-related functions and can for example be on solutions for Mobile IPv4, Mobile IPv6, and SLM (session layer mobility and/or SIP (session initiated protocol) mobility, as described in paragraph [0052], fourth sentence. As the terminal 210 changes access networks, the mobility server 265 also maintains application sessions during the handoff by communicating with a mobility client 216 of the terminal 210. The always best connected service network 260 also includes an access wizard 261 that is a server unit/function arranged on the network side which collects database information and selects an access network (e.g. element 120 in Figure 1) that is considered to be the best for and thus should be used by the terminal 210, as described in paragraph [0042]. However, it is respectfully submitted that the mobility server 265 and/or the access wizard 261 both do not instantiate a mobility profile in an application server execution environment for making common mobile functionality available to mobility specific components, as claimed herein.

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In Figure 3, the multi-access communications system 300 is very briefly described in paragraphs [0054] and [0055] and appears to include a mobile multi-access terminal node 310, an IP-based network 340 and an always best connected (ABC) service network 360, although the names of elements 310 and 340 are not specifically called out. The ABC service network 360 includes an application server unit/function 366 that collects/receives database information, which is used to adapt the application 317 of the mobile multi-access terminal node 310 to suit the particular terminal/user, e.g. the application may be altered in response to a particular screen size of different user device 310. The ABC service network 360 includes an access wizard 361 and a mobility server 365 having functionalities that are not described in relation to Figure 3 but that would appear to be consistent with that described above in relation to elements 261 and 265 in Figure 2. However, it is respectfully submitted that the application server 366, the mobility server 365 and/or the access wizard 361 all do not instantiate a mobility profile in an application server execution environment for making common mobile functionality available to mobility specific components, as claimed herein.

In view of the aforementioned, Gustafsson et al. does not anticipate the subject matter of the main claim 1, since Gustafsson et al.' elements 265, 365 and 366 do not perform

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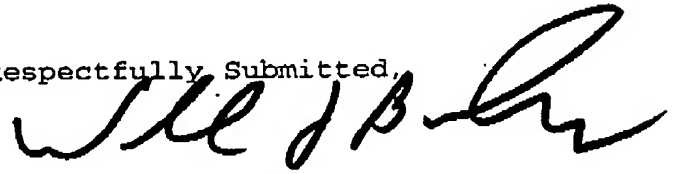
the aforementioned underlined feature of the claimed invention.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the functionality of the aforementioned underlined feature is not inherent in the communication network of Gustafsson et al., including not being inherent in the functionality of Gustafsson et al.' elements 265, 365 and 366.

Claims 2-21 are rejected as being anticipated based on Gustafsson et al. However, it is respectfully submitted that these claims depend directly or indirectly from the main independent claims, contain all the limitations thereof, and are deemed patentable over Gustafsson et al. for all the reasons set forth above.

Reconsideration and early allowance of all the claims is earnestly solicited.

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